

# public address

INFORMATION BULLETIN OF THE STUDENTS' SOCIETY

## Is the campus taking SDU?

Students for a Democratic University will hold a public meeting today at 1 pm in Leacock 26. The meeting will discuss the constitution and future programmes of the organisation.

SDU has been functioning for only two weeks, but in this short period its voice has been heard on the issues of Constitutional reform for the Students' Society and the freedom of the "McGill Daily". SDU has distributed seven pamphlets on the campus, circulating at least 3,000 copies each time, and has held two public meetings.

At present there are more than 150 members in SDU. This includes several professors as well as students.

The organization was formed the day after Students' Council fired Sandy Gage and halted publication of the "Daily". A group of students, concerned with what they felt was an unwarranted action that directly infringed upon freedom of the press, informally decided to make their views known. As far as they were concerned, however, no group on campus was capable of acting on this situation. SDU was thus formed.

Initially, Students for a Democratic University existed on paper only. There was no structure; no membership; and above all, no money.

Literally within hours of its inception, approximately 50 students had signed up and enough voluntary contributions had been collected to enable the publication of a first pamphlet.

"Democracy on the Rocks" — the first handbill — claimed that "democracy has been suppressed at McGill by those elected to represent the students". The leaflet listed four occasions on which the Students Council allegedly undertook actions that were undemocratic. These were: (1) the firing of the "Daily" Editor — subsequently re-instated; (2) the changing of constitutions of clubs and societies by the Students' Council, without consulting the members concerned. The SC must approve these constitutions before a club can receive either money or facilities in the Union; (3) the unwarranted de-

lay of a referendum on McGill affiliation with CUS or UGEQ; and (4) the effective withdrawal from the Canadian Union of Students due to the non-payment of McGill fees.

While the "Daily" issue has now been resolved and Gage has been reinstated, there are many upcoming issues at the student level which will be of major importance.

The proposed amendments to the Students' Society Constitution is one of these, and the referendum on McGill affiliation with either the Canadian Union of Students or UGEQ is another. This referendum will be held on February 8 of the second term.

A third major issue may be the possible fee raise at McGill. Unconfirmed sources have pointed out that the University's financial position is not too good and that in the past when

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## Students for a Democratic University

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trouble has arisen the students were always the ones to receive the bill. A clear student policy on such a hike in fees will have to be developed.

The first public meeting of SDU was held on Wednesday, November 23, — just six days after the Council first fired Gage. Over 120 persons attended, including several professors. The meeting first began on the plaza outside the Leacock Building, but later moved into the Sigma Chi Fraternity house.

A basic philosophy was expressed in a pamphlet published on the day of the first meeting. "A democratic university demands the involvement of all its members," the pamphlet said. "It demands respect for the student, who is the person most interested and concerned with his

the University are also a point of concern. The token offers made by the administration for student representation on several of the less-important committees will not adequately meet the needs of the academic community. SDU will probably seek for the student body increased participation in, and control of, the decision-making processes at all levels.

In a large sense, then, Students for a Democratic University is quite similar to active groups on many campuses in Canada and the United States. All these organisations are motivated by similar circumstances — the lack of student participation in the University Community, the increased alienation of many students, and faculty as well, from the education process, and the general dissatisfaction with what has been happening to universities, in a technological society.



**"A democratic university demands the involvement of all its members"**

own education. It requires a philosophy which sees the subject as an active participant in his own education."

A re-evaluation of the present system of University education will no doubt be a major concern of SDU. Many students are dissatisfied with the passive roles they play in the present structure. Reforms must be sought out and implemented.

Actually, various Students' Society Committees (eg, University Affairs) are doing some experimental work in this area. But the results of this work must be implemented. It will take a concerned group which knows the issues to develop practical ways of instituting change. SDU could be the necessary organisation.

Changes in the administrative structure of

What distinguishes SDU from these other groups is the fact that it is also concerned with the many problems on the student level as well. The Student Society is seen as a really potent force, capable of representing the needs and opinions of the students. But in order to achieve this potential many reforms will have to be undertaken.

The Structure of Students for a Democratic University will be unique. It will be based upon small discussion Sections with all members of SDU belonging to one of these Sections. Any issues which will be raised, and any policies subsequently accepted by the full membership, will have to be discussed and adopted at the Section level.

— Victor Rabinovitch



## CUS Directors discuss...

# Membership, fees, ISC

On November 11, 12 & 13, I attended the Board of Directors meeting of CUS. The meeting checks that Congress resolutions are being followed, and prepares for the coming Congress.

Sitting on the Board are the four hyphenated presidents (past, present, future and vice), the finance chairman and representatives of the four regions and the technical institutes. The position of Quebec director is vacant, so I went as an observer for McGill (which is the entire Quebec Region at the moment). I was permitted full rights by the Board, except voting and secret session.

Most important topic of the meeting was the structure of CUS. There was long debate on what services should be offered to nonmembers. Some services (travel, life insurance) are, of course, legally limited to members. It was felt that member universities should not have to subsidize others, but CUS is traditionally generous with its services. After four hours debate, it was decided to limit services to members, except that some aid (such as the Student Government Research Service) could be extended to prospective members and to local Pro-CUS groups at nonmember universities. No services are to be extended to drop-out universities.

This, of course, was just the beginning. **There was a lot of discussion of some more limited form of participation in CUS — some form of associate membership.** This was seen mainly as an aid to small or specialized institutions, like teachers' colleges or the new community colleges, which would have great difficulty finding the funds necessary for full membership. The idea of some kind of arrangement with UGEQ, to permit dual membership but at reduced rates, was also brought up. One problem was defining exactly what the rights of associates should be. Should they attend the Congress (one of CUS's

biggest expenses) or be limited to receiving services? Should they have voting rights or not? Note here that any member university is free to dissociate itself from any CUS stand at any time — no member is bound by a CUS political decision. The question of connections with other student groups was also discussed. How should CUS relate to the new Canadian Union of Graduate Students now being set up? What about other special student groups — for example that of Physics students? All this was just brainstorming, of course — decisions of this type can only be made by the Congress.

There was a lot of discussion about local students' councils and how to improve their effectiveness. Many are completely swamped by trivia and incapable of any new action because of overwork. The possibility of campus political parties was mentioned, as was that of community government — students and faculty together running the university. This naturally is a matter for each university to consider separately.

**The question of burning interest to McGill was fees.** Constitutionally, no university may withdraw from CUS except at a Congress, and so is liable for fees until the following Congress after it has decided to withdraw. However, it was felt that fees should not be charged for the period after services are withdrawn from a campus, so Alberta, for example, is liable for fees up until the date notice of withdrawal was received, but not for after that date. The CUS lawyer assured the Board that this would be upheld in court.

**The question of relations with the two international student unions was brought up.** At the

last Congress it was decided to apply for Associate Membership in both the International Students Congress (regarded as pro-west) and the International Union of Students (regarded as pro-communist). However, a problem has arisen. CUS is a member of the Supervision Committee of the ISC (we were elected during the summer Congress of the ISC, when we held full membership). The feeling was that CUS should not participate in SupCom meetings, as we are no longer full members, but that the seat should not be resigned either, so that, if at the next CUS Congress it is decided to rejoin the ISC as full members, CUS could resume its seat on the SupCom. (If the seat were resigned it would remain vacant until the 1968 ISC.)

There was a lengthy discussion of CUS translation policy. CUS is still legally bilingual and has several french members, but the tremendous cost of translation (1-3¢ a word) is a problem. The main documents, program outlines and so on are to be translated, as well as any other material at the discretion of the President.

There was a lot of less controversial discussion as well. It was decided to send a team to the World Student Games in Tokyo next summer. The bad state of CUP finances was reviewed, but CUS is in no financial state to be of much help. The question of action to take on lowering the voting age to 18 was discussed, as well as what to do about increasing the students' role in university government. It was proposed that CUS work to have university sales tax exemptions extended to Students' Society purchases. The study of student aid, based

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# INTERNAL

In the Old Union, the Union Managing Board was responsible for the booking of rooms and room reservations. With the opening of the new Union, the functions of External and Internal Vice-Presidents, functions which were previously appointed to be responsible for the operation of the Union, will now be handled by a number of separate committees, each with its own chairman.

Results are evident in the social committee's work. The Union is now being laid for the student co-op and the library.

Each committee chairman has prepared for the Union a list of activities.

## T. G. I. F. etc.

If you have ever attended a TGIF or Saturday evening dance at the University Centre, you probably enjoyed yourself to a greater or lesser degree, depending on what you were looking for and what in fact you found. The music is loud, the lights are dim, the drinks are cold... but what goes into the making of one of these functions? And who makes them?

The Social Committee is to a great extent responsible for what goes on in the "after-hours" confines of the Union. During the football season, post game bashes must be organized to cater to the wishes of the usually downcast fans who either wish to drown their sorrows or dance their troubles away. During the rest of the term, as the academic pressures of mid-year exams mount, a Saturday night spent at a dance revelling in the arms of one's fap provides an adequate release.

But for the Social Committee, all is not play, for every function requires a vast amount of preparation. There are the brewmasters to contact, the band to hire, Barnes Guards to insure that you are well "protected", and a lot of publicity to insure that you all come. For what is a dance without people? And it is getting increasingly difficult to convince you, Joe Student, that you can have a fab time if you bother to attend!

A few weeks ago we held a dance featuring Lloyd and the Village Squires, and all of the over five hundred students in attendance had a good time. Our next function is a Christmas Party (would you believe?) to be held on Saturday, December the tenth. Rumor has it that a guest appearance will be made by none other than the fat man with the beard in the red suit. (no you idiot, Steve Schecter is skinny).

Also on tap for this great party is a tree, commonly called Christmas. Personal introductions are available on request.

We thought that it would be nice to have a really great group for the occasion, but unfortunately

the Stones were booked, so we had to settle for a natural second, namely The Tribe. They can really sling the sounds, so be sure to attend.

Do you want to join the Social Committee? If you have read this far in the article, then you must be either (1) already a member, or (2) a prospective member, or (3) bored. Anyway, the doors are open and we can always use new blood especially if you are keen, imaginative, dedicated, and sexy. Leave your name and telephone number at the switchboard in the Union.

And remember to come to the Christmas Party.. Santa and all the elves and fairies will be there, and this time you just might find what you are looking for! No you idiot, not Steve Schecter...

— Greg Kings, Chairman

## \$ \$ \$ \$ !!

To regulate the distribution of money, a liaison between student clubs and the new Executive Finance Committee will be created.

Formerly, the Students' Society granted money to clubs in accordance with their budgets. Estimations often exceeded total expenditure, so that by the end of the fiscal period there was invariably a drain on Students' Society funds.

The purpose of the Executive Finance Committee will be to investigate club activities, and so assign them appropriate funds. The Committee will also examine financial statements prepared by the various services within the University Centre, to reduce unnecessary expenditure.

A further function of the Executive Finance Committee will be to advise clubs running into financial difficulty.

To contact the Committee, address letters to the Internal Affairs Department and leave them at the Union switchboard.

The Executive Finance Committee is presently examining revenues from individual membership fees. All clubs are urged to submit their financial reports immediately.

— Malcolm King, Chairman.



# AFFAIRS

was responsible for the cafeteria, duplicating, the University Centre and the creation of offices were redistributed. A building manager was the physical plant, and 'student services' would be headed by their own chairmen.

dances and duplicating services. Groundwork library.

public address a short résumé of this year's

Ian McLean,  
Internal Vice-President

## munch, munch...

In order to insure that the student body at McGill is best served by the available services, a Cafeteria Committee was formed earlier this year.

The Committee is responsible for the setting of prices; quality control; vending machines and investigating any complaints which may happen to arise concerning the food services in the University Centre.

The Committee is now in the midst of preparing a survey, which will be distributed to the students during several meals, in order to get a better idea as to exactly what the students expect of their cafeteria. With the help of this survey the Committee hopes to be able to present a more varied and acceptable menu to the students.

Once the Committee has gone over the statements for the Cafeteria's operations in September and October it will be in a position to change the present price scale, hopefully resulting in several reductions. The present prices are the standard ones set by the caterer in most of its operations and have remained unchanged since September. Since the Cafeteria is run as a service, by the Students' Society, for the students, it is not designed to make a profit but to provide low cost meals for the campus. Though in the past the Cafeteria has run at a loss, it is hoped that this year, with a new caterer, the cafeteria will break even and still offer economical meals of good quality.

The Cafeteria was built with a seating capacity of approximately 420 and the Coffee shop with a capacity of only 64. Since its opening last year it has been apparent that there is not sufficient space for the 4000 plus students who use the Union's food services each day. Several plans are now being drawn up in order to increase the facilities. Also on the board are several plans for reorganization of the areas behind the counters in order to provide speedier service.

An open invitation is extended to any person wishing to work with the Cafeteria Committee or to offer suggestions.

— Marty Ostro, Chairman

## publish or perish ?

The Student Publication Library, to be introduced this year, will benefit all McGill students, culturally and academically.

This library will be primarily an internal information bureau directed at the student body at large. It will include newspapers, magazines and pamphlets, dealing with the interests of the student, on both a national and international level.

Two major international publications have been used in the past as a testing ground for new political policies. "The Student News", published by the International Union of Students, and "The Student" are two of the many diverse publications which will soon be available through the planned library. For a person interested in international affairs, the information provided by these period-

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McGill bread line during a slack period



## Internal Affairs cont'd

# Committees Investigate Bookstore

## THE PRESENT

The University Bookstore Committee exists primarily to investigate students' complaints about the Bookstore, propose remedies to these grievances and to communicate both complaint and suggested solution to the Senate Bookstore Committee and to the Bookstore itself.

The Committee members' investigations lead them into the realms of comparative pricing with local commercial bookstores, ordering procedures, tariff difficulties and employee-customer relations. They want the McGill Bookstore to be commercially efficient, business-like in service, and at the same time give maximum financial benefits to the individual student.

To reach this goal, it is necessary for them to study past and present financial reports and inventory lists of the Bookstore. The security of the

Bookstore is in their hands, including the artistic deployment of the Barnes guards. Even the physical layout is considered, for all these things effect efficiency and pricing.

The Bookstore Committee can only function if students are interested in effecting changes in the present Bookstore. If you have any complaints, recommendations, or apropos information, please submit a brief to the Union switchboard in care of Summer Stone, Chairman, McGill Book Store.



## THE FUTURE

The Co-op Committee was formed to examine the possibility of student benefit from the bookstore. Three possible alternatives are being studied:

### More direct responsibility in administration of the Bookstore by the Students' Society.

At present, the University administration controls the bookstore, sending profits to the Students' Society. The only contact with the Senate Committee is through submission of suggestions to it by the President or Internal Vice President. A representative from the Students' Society was meant to join the Senate Committee but has not yet been appointed.

### Leasing the Bookstore out as a franchise to a commercial bookstore

Potential volume of sales would be high. Therefore, lower prices could be given to the students, and a profit still guaranteed to the commercial interest.

### Establishment of a Co-op Bookstore

Many other universities both in Quebec and in the U.S. have found it profitable to sell not only books, but also clothing and other articles suitable

to students' needs. In a legal sense, such a store would be truly cooperative. Shares would be sold to students, faculty, alumni, and other members of the University.

A Board of Directors and a Managing Board, including an appointed manager, would be selected. Not only would benefits from any profit accrue to shareholders, but discount on purchases could be given to members.

Another way to make the store cooperative would be for the Students' Society to directly finance the operation through loans, for example, from the University, or from the students' fees. Then shares could be issued.

Pertinent questionnaires have been sent to about 70 universities. Student surveys are also scheduled.

If you have any suggestions, contact Mel Himes or Ian McLean through the Union Switchboard.

— Mel Himes, Chairman.



# Underprivileged Students Aided

The McGill High School Tutorial Project, under the co-chairmanship of Linda Speevak and Dick Manicom, has been in operation for four weeks in 5 Montreal high schools. Seventy-five McGill tutors have offered their services to teach the 95 high school students who requested help through their principals.

There are 15 one hour per week sessions, beginning in November and ending in early March. Transportation is provided by taxi to and from Rosemount High, Dunton High, and Dawson Boys' Club (where Verdun High students are tutored). The other two schools participating in this project are Montreal High and Baron Byng.

The students being helped are economically underprivileged students who have the ability to learn but who may be experiencing difficulty in one particular subject area or they may be lacking motivation entirely.

It is the aim of this project to encourage the pupils to stay in school. It is hoped that the

McGill student will be able to establish a good rapport with his pupil and make him aware of the importance of education and the opportunities that are open to him if he continues to study.

The high school principals are pleased about the success of this project and they are continually sending us names of students who are having difficulties with their schoolwork.

## MORE TUTORS ARE NEEDED!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS PROJECT, COME SEE US IN ROOM 412, UNIVERSITY CENTRE, ON FRIDAY, 1-3 P.M., OR FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FORM AT THE UNION SWITCHBOARD.

## The Library Committee

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icals could act as useful reference material in the determination of future policies.

The national publications will deal more with cultural and social matters in various countries. Student services, such as travel and lodging plans, are discussed, as well as exciting events like the cultural and youth festivals, which, in Europe, are always large, modern, and fun.

The editors of University papers are usually more concerned with campus matters such as Winter Carnival, Freshman Reception and individual bursary and loan funds. Hopefully, people engaged in these activities at McGill will read of the programs at other universities and take advantage of others' ideas.

Since these publications will be dealing with student activities and therefore will involve a wide range of interests, the cataloguing and indexing of the various parts of each journal will probably be the most difficult problem.

Persons interested in helping out with this pleasant task, while engaging in scintillating conversation with the members of the Committee, are invited to leave their name and phone number, (care of the Committee) at the Union switchboard.

## Bookstore Footnotes

Mr. Ramsay, manager of the Bookstore, commented on some of the problems in his \$650,000 per year business.

The McGill Bookstore is often under-sold. Other stores may sell stock from the previous year which cost them less than the current price. Our bookstore, however, cannot keep merchandise, due to space limitations and possible text changes.

In compliance with the Senate Committee's instructions, McGill students are charged list or regular retail prices.

Shop-lifting and undermarking of books are causes of profit loss. Mr. Ramsay is convinced that during August 1965, some inventory shrinkage resulted from undermarking. By the fall of '67, some of these problems will be eliminated. The information desk will be cut to waist level and the area in front of it will be cleared. It is hoped that these measures will reduce shop-lifting. Also, an additional five cashiers will be hired for the September rush. The high price-tags on the books, however, may still be there.

Mr. Ramsay wished to emphasize that, contrary to what seems to be the popular belief, the Bookstore is owned by the University. It is run by the university administration and the Students' Council can act only in an advisory capacity.



# MFTM'S Second Programme features Arthur Kendrick

Thursday Dec. 8 marks the second meeting of MFTM (McGill Friends of Traditional Music). Folk Music enthusiasts will assemble in Room 457 of the Union at 7:30 PM to hear Arthur Kendrick in a performance entitled "Some Elements of British Folk Tradition".

Kendrick was born in Staffordshire, England; he received his degree in engineering from the University of Birmingham. Shortly after his arrival in Canada last year the Montreal folk scene felt his influence. He has made appearances at The Base String, The Montreal Folk Workshop, and at meetings of the McGill Folk Music Society.

Kendrick believes in the importance of the song itself as opposed to the performer. The latter is a vehicle or interpreter of the song whose function is to enhance the mood of the music (beauty, passion, or force) and not to "knock the audience down". Nevertheless, people who have heard him in the past are especially attracted to his musicianship.

His traditional approach elicits the intrinsic beauty of the music without resorting to inappropriate clichés upon which so many other contemporary folksingers depend. Kendrick is primarily interested in instrumental music and has developed a strong technique for the guitar, 12-string guitar, anglo-concertina, melodian, accordion and mouth organ. In addition he plays the violin and piano. In all cases, he blends them perfectly with a haunting tenor-baritone voice.

He studied flamenco guitar very seriously for a period of five years in Madrid under Prof. Manuel Boret. He was attracted to the art of flamenco for its unique position among the

folk traditions of other European cultures. He supports that school which traces the roots of Flamenco to the dawn of recorded history — to old Hebrew chantings.

Probably the most significant aspect of this event is that Kendrick is an authority on the material that he performs. He has spent time collecting songs in Worcestershire to learn the character of the true folksinger. Worcestershire county has managed to remain relatively unscathed by the urbanizing forces of large industries. The attitude of the people is more a rural one; because of this they have retained more of the ancient English tradition than have other communities. This is reflected in the pagan character of many of their songs.

Kendrick also encourages participation within folk gatherings; maximum enjoyment can result only when one is personally involved in the interpretation. The particularly good thing about folk music is its simplicity and its ability to be shared by anyone — its NECESSITY to be shared by the community.

Kendrick is an engineer by trade but in addition he has performed old-fashioned country folksongs for BBC television in a series of magazine programmes. He has performed in many clubs including the famous "Jug of Punch" — Ian Campbell's club in Birmingham.

Bill Kaufman,

## CUS report

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on the CUS means survey, was reviewed, as was the Canadian Forensics Society.

This report can only give the faintest idea of a meeting which

took about 30 working hours as well as discussions over 3 meals a day. I feel it is essential that the Quebec region be represented at these meetings and I recommend that a director be appointed by McGill and perhaps Loyola, if they rejoin CUS, to do the job properly. Serious

thought should be given to setting up a Quebec Region of CUS, if campus rejects UGEQ, to co-ordinate activities at the provincial level — the example of ORCUS should encourage us.

Robert De Jean, Chairman,  
National Affairs Committee

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